Setting up of forest based industry at Phulbani in Orissa

562. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a scope to set up forest based industries in Phulbani district, Orissa;

(b) whether the proposals to set up some pulp and paper mills in Phulbani district are pending since long;

(c) if so, the reasons of the delay in setting up those units;

(d) the stage at which the proposals are pending; and

(e) the steps taken to clear the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) While there is a scope to set up some forest based industries in Orissa, Government do not encourage the setting up of wood based industry on account of the National Forest Policy.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

T. V. Serials

563. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of T.V. serials certified and screened since 1989 yearwise, details; and

(b) whether any procedure and norms have been fixed for guiding the certification of these serials and if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Proposals for T. V. serials under different schemes are received and approved by various Doordarshan Kendras for telecast from the concerned Kendra. No centralised list of serials approved and telecast is, therefore, maintained.

(b) Yes, Sir. The following are the broad norms for selection of serials:

(i) Story line and its contemporary relevance;

(ii) Treatment of the theme;

(iii) Overall competence of the technical crew; and

(iv) Relevance to Doordarshan's Programme requirements.

Sick Industries

564. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government propose to take in relation to sick industries in both the public and private sectors; and

(b) what effects these steps would have on those employed in these industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) Government of India has taken a number of steps in relation to revival of sick industries in both the public and private sectors. Whenever proposals are received by the Government for revival of sick units, they are examined on merits with reference to the policy guidelines on sick industries. Some of the important aspects are given in the statement.

According to the New Industrial Policy announced on 24-7-1991, public enterprises which are chronically sick and which are unlikely to be turned around will, for the formulation of revival/rehabilitation schemes, be referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR), or other similar high level institutions created for the purpose. A social security mechanism will be created to protect the interests of workers likely to be affected by such rehabilitation packages.